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New \$83,000 School Officially Opened Last Week

Gleichen's new \$83,000 school was officially opened last Thursday afternoon by Dr. W. H. Swift, Deputy Minister of Education, before a crowd that filled almost every seat in the auditorium.

The new school was built last year and was finished early in December. As soon as it was finished the teachers and pupils moved in from the old two story red brick building that was erected over forty years ago.

The new building faces south. The entrance is not by the main doors but by two doors at right angles which enter the cloak rooms. Exit can be made by pushing the main doors open. Steps lead up to a hallway on each side of which are the class rooms. Stairs lead from the entrance of the building to the basement in which are located the kitchen, dining room, heating apparatus and a large auditorium or gymnasium.

Shortly after two o'clock H. T. Colpoys divisional trustee and chairman, called the meeting to order. After singing O Canada, Rev. W. Morrison gave an invocation. Mr. Colpoys then said a few words of welcome.

The primary room under the direction of their teacher Mrs. Bain, gave a recitation and song.

Mrs. Yates spoke on behalf of the Home and School Association.

Mr. Elmer Bolinger, a member of the Gleichen town council then addressed the meeting.

A dance was given by the pupils of Mrs. Wallace's room.

Mr. Geo. Bell, M.L.A., said a few words. He was followed by Mr. W. A. Treacy, chairman Bow Valley School board. Mr. W. Greene, the contractor who built the school, made a very short address.

Choral reading was given by grades V and VI Mrs. Sherback teacher.

Dr. W. H. Swift, Deputy Minister of Education, was introduced by Mr. O. P. Larson. He spoke at length and declared the school officially opened. The principal of the school Mr. Smith replied, to Mr. Swift.

A playlet was given by the pupils of Mr. Smith's room.

At the conclusion of the program lunch was served and an opportunity was given all to inspect the new building.

Here is some history of Gleichen schools. The first school was held in a building known as Marshall Hall which stood back of where the Legion Hall now stands. Later the building now occupied by W. Boos was used also a building adjoining it. The two-story brick school was built at a cost of about \$12,000. It was supposed to be a magnificent building at the time it was built. It was not officially opened. Gleichen was growing so fast nobody had time for anything official. In later years two buildings were moved to the school yard and used for school purposes.

In the early '30 cracks appeared in the brick walls of the school. Everything in the building began to go out kilter. Workmen braced up the walls saying that would do for three years. Hard times struck the country and there was no money to build a new school. The school did last another twenty years.

STOCK PILING AND PRICE SLUMPS

When governments begin to throw their weight around in the market, there is no telling what they will do or who will have to suffer for it.

You can't withdraw vast quantities of a needed commodity from the market, or dump vast quantities on to the market without creating a disturbance.

In March, 1951, the U.S. government entered the market to buy tin for its stockpile. It bought all the tin in sight, including what was being imported by private citizens, and it told the people that if they wanted any they would have to deal with it.

The result was a shortage of tin that crippled many important industries until somebody put sense into the government's head.

For thirteen years the British government was the sole buyer and seller of lead in Britain. Recently it decided to restore the free market in that metal.

But the government had on hand 300,000 tons of lead, which tonnage

It decided to reduce.

It sold quantities of it, lead every day in the open market in competition with the supplies that were being imported from abroad. This had the inevitable effect of depressing the price, the government getting as little as ten cents a pound for quantities that cost it as much as 22 cents a pound.

This sudden slump in prices meant a loss of millions to the government itself, and it spelled ruin to many lead producers.

No one but governments could do these things, because only governments could get the money to do them, and only governments are exempt from the laws that forbid such practices.

People create jobs. Where there are no people there can be no jobs. In a country like Canada where there are great undeveloped resources to work on, the more people we have the more jobs there will be. With our present population we are doing fairly well. In fact we are making a better living than the people of most countries. Still we haven't enough people to defend our shores or to defend the trade routes that are necessary to our prosperity. We should have enough people to be strong enough to have a voice in world affairs proportionate to the value of the territory we have to guard. But all the voice we have or are likely to have is in proportionate to our military strength. We need enough people to develop our country and to defend it. In no other way can we hope to retain our country, our freedom or our self-respect.

The Salvation Army

An effective section of Salvation Army endeavor—the League of Mercy observes its sixtieth anniversary this week. Adding importance to the anniversary is the fact that this branch of Army activity, operates in most parts of the world, began in Toronto.

Sixty years ago few people took any interest in those inmates who had neither relatives nor friends. This friendless host of men and women in hospitals, prisons, asylums, convalescent and rest homes engaged the attention of Mrs. Herbert Booth whose husband, a son of William Booth, Founder of The Salvation Army, was in charge of the work in Canada. She gathered a small group of devoted women around her each of whom promised to visit at least one institution once a week with a cheering and comforting message in word, song, or kind deed.

Today, according to the national secretary, Mrs. Colonel G. Best, there are 70 Leagues of Mercy in Canada. There are 802 busy members. Every week they call at 348 institutions. In any one year more than 400,000 persons are contacted by Leaguers who are ready to do almost anything to relieve anxiety or to help banish loneliness.

To relieve anxiety Leaguers will write letters or make telephone and personal calls on relatives. They will take care of children, or keep a watchful eye on families whose breadwinner is in hospital, or perhaps, in jail.

To banish loneliness they distribute periodicals, and often sit and read to them whose sight is failing or whose heart is too heavy for recreation. Radios have been provided for those who have no other diversion. At festive seasons there are 70,000 treats known as "Sunshine Bags" distributed. Parties are arranged, entertainment is provided, and the Salvation Army's own bands and singers help out in this.

Spiritual guidance is given. Religious services are conducted regularly. In some instances the League of Mercy worker is the only friend a patient or inmate has. Often the Leaguer is the only one at the bedside after comforting the dying and making arrangements for the funeral service.

The service of the League is eminently practical. For instance an aged man was brought home from hospital just as his only daughter was admitted for an operation. A League of Mercy worker called in regularly to do the washing and ironing for them.

Motto of the League is the Biblical text: "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto Me." Emblem is a silver cross on a red shield.

Special gatherings will mark the League's Diamond Jubilee.

Hockey Games

In a rough, action packed hockey game Saturday night, the starry Medicine Hat Cubs showed the local boys they still have a great deal to learn. Medicine Hat downed the local Juveniles 13-6 before an ardent crowd of 200 fans who stood in the 10 below zero weather to cheer for the local boys. Some of the older fans said the game reminded them of the old Strathmore-Gleichen games of 20 years ago.

Numerous times tempers flared with many fist blows being exchanged. At one point in the third period a Medicine Hat player climbed the boards to get even with a Gleichen fan. This started a free-for-all but referee Joe Barabash handled his duties very tactfully.

In the first period both teams scored three times but in the second the Hat boys rapped in 6 unanswered markers making the score 9-3. In the final period Gleichen scored 3 but Medicine Hat notched 5 more, bringing the final score to 13-6.

Gleichen marksmen were Armand Corbiell and Dick Haskayne who each scored twice, with Jim Brown and Jim Big Eye getting singletons.

Gleichen line up: D. Wilson, J. Big Eye, D. Haskayne, H. Sauve, K. Big Snake, A. Corbiell, S. Owl Child, J. Brown, R. Marquardt, E. Plante, D. Shepard, P. Siska, G. Many Shot, H. Low Horn, D. Dick and B. Dick.

The Gleichen team is a B class Juvenile outfit and most of the games they have played this winter is against Juvenile teams in the class A which consists of players who are older and heavier. This is considered good practice for the local boys. When they get into the provincial playoffs

in their class they should be able to go places.

In an intermediate hockey tilt Sunday night the Strathmore Red Wings edged the Gunners 8-5. The game was clean and fast and the Gunners having most of the play but failed to make good many chances. Only four penalties were handed out by referee Doug Wilson.

Marksmen for the winners were: F. Korek who turned the hat trick with 3 goals. Singletons: A. Kimmet, J. Robinson, E. Plante, D. Haskayne, J. Dawkins.

For the home team: J. Barabash and C. McMaster each scored twice with R. Brass getting the other.

Gleichen lineup: Dixon, Matheson, McMaster, Wolf Leg, R. Brass, J. Brass, Hatton, Barabash, Brown and Yellowfly.

Strathmore: Kimmet, Dawkins, L. Lausen, J. Lausen, Big Snake, Haskayne, J. Korek, F. Korek, Robinson and Plante.

Expenditures out of the Unsatisfied Judgement Fund are approaching the point where they will equal the money paid into the fund. E. R. Hughes, Deputy Provincial Secretary reports. In the nine-month period from April 1, 1952 to December 31, 1952, a total of \$280,597 was paid into the fund. Each owner of a motor vehicle pays into the fund at the time he gets his licence and this money is used to pay the court judgements against motorists involved in accidents but unable to pay the damages for which they are ruled accountable. Total expenditures for the same period were \$263,030 and since there are three months left in the current auto licence year, expenditures could exceed receipts if claims against the fund continue at the same rate. Practically all money is paid into the

Notice of The Annual Town And School Meetings

Public notice is hereby given that a meeting of the electors of the Town of Gleichen will be held in the Gleichen Public School on Monday the 9th day of February, 1953, at eight o'clock p.m., for the purpose of receiving the report of the Mayor, Secretary-treasurer, Auditor and Chairman of the various committees of Council for the year ending thirty-first of December, 1952.

A meeting of the School Board will take place immediately following the town meeting.

Dated at Gleichen this 2nd day of February 1953.

A. HORN,
Secretary-Treasurer.

fund at the time motorists renew their licences. The payments from the fund during the nine-month period were made up of \$31,099 for hospital and medical payments; \$215,693 for court judgements and costs; and \$16,237 for miscellaneous payments.

A pretty army nurse, just returned from the South Pacific, was describing an air raid in New Guinea. "When the Jap bombers came over I jumped

right into a wolf hole." "You mean a foxhole, don't you?" interrupted a listener. "Maybe a fox dug it" she said sweetly, "but there was a wolf in it when I got in."

The first non-stop trans-Canada flight took place in January, 1949. A North Star aircraft from the Experimental and Proving Establishment at Rockcliffe Air Station flew from Vancouver to Halifax. Average speed for the 2,700 mile flight was 289 m.p.h. and it took 8 hours and 32 minutes.

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A National Asset

A GREAT DEAL IS HEARD these days about the wealth of Canada's natural resources and the part which they will play in the future development of our country. It is true that an abundance of timber, oil, minerals and fertile farm lands make Canada a favoured country today. Resources which have, in the past, supplied the world have been exhausted in some countries, while in others there is concern because they appear to be running out. In Canada there are vast reserves, many of which have only been tapped. In few cases has full production been reached and the future looks bright, indeed, for those who will take part in developing them.

An Asset And Also A Trust

We are reminded, however, that resources are a great source of wealth but that they are also a trust. It has already been found that the land must be cared for wisely, if it is to remain productive. Without the use of fertilizers and scientific methods of cultivation the land would soon lose its fertility, while without measures for conservation, the precious top soil would soon disappear. We have likewise learned that our forests are of great value but that they too must be given care if they are to continue to be productive. Reforestation, care in cutting the trees, prevention of forest fires and other measures are now used to ensure that our forest wealth will not be lost to us.

Industry And Faith Needed

So it is with all the great reserve of natural resources which Canada possesses. They are a valuable national asset but like all things which are of value they carry responsibilities for the people who own them. Much has been done by governments to protect our resources from exploitation and to ensure that they are developed in the best interests of the country. It must be remembered at all times, however, that they belong to the nation and the people should not only be interested in their development but should be prepared to have a part in it. Capital is needed for the opening of new mines, the sinking of oil wells and the many other projects connected with bringing our resources into use. People are needed too, to work in these projects and in the industries which spring from them. Canada has been built by people who had faith in the future and were willing to work hard for it. More such citizens are needed to carry on in the coming years.

THRILLS of the ROARIN' GAME

Good Idea To Watch Every Stone At Start Of Game

At the start of a game it's a swell idea to watch every stone that's thrown so when your turn comes you'll have a fair idea of what the weight is. You can't be looking off in the wild blue yonder and expect the weight to come to you automatically. Help yourself by watching the weight the other guy throws and checking whether it's heavy or light. One of the smartest leads ever seen always used to be out on the ice before the start of the game gently kicking the stones around in front of the hack. It was uncanny

how he could figure out the proper weight from this simple procedure in case he had to throw first.

Regardless of how much trust you place in your skipper, you should know the ice you're playing on as well as he does. Watching all the stones played will give you the run of the ice the same as it does your skip standing at the other end.

For example: If your skip gives you a narrow broom to take out a stone, and you don't know, as you should, that the ice "runs straight" in that particular spot, you'll most likely throw too much weight and miss entirely. A lost shot just because you're not on your toes watching what goes on.

You can do a lot of thinking during a game, but the best place to do some real cogitating is when you're in the hack ready to play. A curler of fair ability who stops and thinks before he shoots is a better man on any rink than the guy who is a good shot-maker but never uses what gray matter he has under his tam.

Here are a few things that result from not thinking in the hack: Being short rather than long when your own side has last stone. Being long rather than short when the opposing rink has last stone. Missing the broom in an open house shot so your rock stops in the center of the ice instead at the side where your skip wants it.

A great many leads don't seem to realize that it's very important that they throw at the broom whether there are stones in the house or not. If a skip with last shot tries to get his lead to put a stone in the rings to one side of the ice in the attempt to start the building of a head, and the man misses the broom so the stone comes to rest in the center of the house, the skip has lost a part of his strategy and will have to start over again.

SASKATCHEWAN HORSE WINS 96 OUT OF 104 STARTS

SHAUNAVON, Sask.—Shaunavon's contribution to the harness racing world, the trotter Eva Riggs, has been sold by William Houston to Ronald Mercier of Waterloo, Que., for a reported \$5,000. In the last three years the horse had 96 wins in 104 starts.

A dragon fly has more than 30,000 eyes.

IN SASKATCHEWAN

1952 Black Year For Drivers

REGINA.—1952 was a black year for Saskatchewan drivers. According to figures released by the Highway Traffic Board, 1,311 motorists had their licences suspended or revoked, 541 of these penalties being for driving after drinking, 116 for reckless driving, and 654 for various other offenses. By contrast, the total number of these penalties in 1951 was only 924. The number of drivers penalized for driving after drinking, last year, was more than doubled.

Figures, in almost every way, point up last year's unfortunate traffic record. During December, penalties for driving after drinking, reckless or dangerous driving, and other causes were 136, a considerable jump over 97, the figure for December the year before. 53 drivers were subjected to loss of license for driving after drinking during the month, and the number of drivers penalized for reckless driving, 10, was more than double that of the previous December. In addition, demotions to colored licenses, 2,177 in 1951, had climbed to 3,201 for the year ending December 31, 1952.

After a driver's license is revoked, he is issued with a red license which cannot be turned in for a year. Statistically speaking, the only bright spot for drivers in the province is that the total number of suspensions and revocations for reckless driving for the year had dropped from 155 in 1951 to 116 in 1952.

10,000 Canadian Graduates Will Be Seeking Jobs

OTTAWA.—About 10,000 Canadians now at universities will graduate into the ranks of job-seekers this Spring, the Labor Department said.

A survey of employers indicates a demand for graduates and undergraduates. Replies to a December questionnaire sent employers uncovered 1,556 jobs available for graduates and another 2,549 Summer jobs for undergraduates.

The department said 12,402 students are enrolled in their final year at universities. Five per cent, probably will not graduate for various reasons and another 10 per cent, graduating may have jobs to start.

Included in the final-year students are 1,317 engineers; 809 in commerce and business administration; 3,547 in arts; 752 in science; 287 in agriculture; 213 in dentistry; 1,094 in education; 314 in law; 347 in household science and home economics; 732 in medicine; 425 in pharmacy; 396 in social work; 536 in nursing; 118 in theology; 37 in chartered accountancy and 22 in journalism.

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The Annual Meeting Of Shareholders The Royal Bank of Canada

Free Exchange Rates, Lower Tariffs, Encouragement of Foreign Investment, Keys to Healthier Economy, Says President

Urges dollar countries to remove excessive trade barriers and customs formalities. "Canada serves high moral purpose and own self-interest by accepting her present-day responsibilities."

Canada's dependence on the world economy, and her responsibility to it because of her increased importance in the world was the main theme of the annual address of James Muir, President, at the Annual General Meeting of Shareholders of The Royal Bank of Canada. Self-interest and high moral purpose, he said, lead in the case of Canada to a common goal: the rehabilitation of the world economy. Reliance on the free price system, he felt, is prerequisite to the removal of numerous obstacles to healthy world trade which exists today.

"Unfortunately the world's economic ills are more easily diagnosed than cured," said Mr. Muir. "The most spectacular symptom is, of course, the so-called shortage of dollars, which still persists seven years after the end of the Second World War."

"In international trade, goods must be paid for either in the exporter's currency or in funds that are freely convertible into that currency. The world chooses to buy goods and services from the United States and Canada at such a rate that, even with the multitude of restrictions imposed by the importing countries, dollar payments for imports exceed dollar earnings from exports by more than \$5 billions per year."

THE DOLLAR SHORTAGE

"Exchange control can check the loss of dollar reserves for a time, but it does nothing to combat, indeed it may intensify, the underlying imbalance that causes the dollar drain. In contrast, a free rate moves automatically to restore balance in the international accounts."

"I do not mean to say, nor have I ever said, that free exchange rates will solve the whole problem; there is no simple solution. Nevertheless, it is surely unwise to forego the advantages of a free market merely because after its adoption, some problems will still remain."

"In the short run, the dollar countries should act without delay to remove excessive tariff barriers and customs formalities that now present unnecessary obstacles to overseas imports. Canada, especially, has much to gain by reducing the preponderance of U.S. goods among her imports; and at the same time the release in this way of extra dollars to overseas countries would tend to reduce Canada's dependence on the U.S. export market."

"In the long run, an investment programme will be of the greatest importance in correcting the fundamental economic weakness that lays our allies open to recurring dollar crisis. Briefly, investment may provide relief in three main ways: first, soft-currency countries may concentrate their domestic investment on industries producing dollar-earning exports or producing goods which otherwise would have to be imported from the dollar area; second, dollar area countries may concentrate their foreign investment in the same types of industry; and third, the soft-currency countries may make direct dollar-earning investments in the dollar area itself."

PROBLEMS OF INVESTMENT

"The way to encourage private investment in underdeveloped countries is not to create another international lending agency but to secure a general elimination or reduction of the present restrictions in these countries on the repatriation of earnings, on the capitalization of earnings which are not or cannot be transferred, and on the effective control by its owners over equity capital when the majority interest resides outside the underdeveloped countries."

"In the last analysis, international investment and economic development depend upon a change of heart in the underdeveloped countries themselves. I believe this change will be easier if those countries adopt the short-run monetary and exchange-rate policies I have already discussed. Any easing of the dollar shortage by these means will make it easier to transfer interest, dividends, and capital sums out of these countries; and the mere power to withdraw will in turn encourage new investment and thus create a further improvement in the

GOOD SAFETY RECORD

PICTURE BUTTE, Alta.—The local plant of Canadian Sugar Factories Ltd. completed its 1952 run of processing sugar beets without any lost time due to accidents. This was the first time this had been accomplished, according to officials.

WOMEN TO VOTE

CUTKNIFE, Sask.—History was made here recently when women of this Indian reserve attended a meeting called by John Tootoots, president of the Union of Saskatchewan Indians, to explain the new Indian Act. The act allows women over 21 to vote on band affairs.

General Manager Reports Assets Over \$2.6 Billions

T. H. Atkinson, General Manager in reviewing the bank's 1952 report stated that total assets of The Royal Bank of Canada have now reached the imposing total of \$2,691,456,873. This, he said, was a new high mark in Canadian banking history, and is the highest ever reported by a Canadian bank.

Deposits likewise had reached record totals, said Mr. Atkinson. They now stand at \$2,527,510,437, an increase of approximately \$176,000,000 over the previous year. "This increase," said Mr. Atkinson, "reflects not only substantially higher balances in the names of former clients but has been accompanied by a record making number of new names on our books. The number of deposit accounts on the books of the bank now exceeds 2,250,000, an increase of well over 100,000 during the year."

Mr. Atkinson reported profits for the year had increased \$1,762,382 over the previous year. After providing for taxes, depreciation and dividends, including an additional dividend of \$875,000 (at the rate of 25c per share), the bank transferred \$3,000,000 to Reserve Fund, which now stands at \$55,000,000.

The bank's programme of improvement to branches, which has gone on steadily since the end of the war, continued during the year to provide the public and staff with modern, up-to-date facilities and surroundings. Some 275 branches were provided with new or improved premises, 18 new branches were opened, and a further seven are in the course of preparation.

ROYAL BANK ABROAD

Mr. Atkinson reviewed the history of the bank's extensive organization abroad, pointing out that its growth had followed actual or potential channels for Canadian trade development. Offices were established only after a careful survey on the ground to ascertain whether the field was adequately banked, and if not, whether the bank could not only service Canada's export trade, but could contribute something worthwhile to the business community in the particular country, and operate on a reasonably profitable basis.

"The volume of business transacted by our foreign branches remains very substantial indeed, and profitable. During the past year, our overseas chain has again demonstrated its worth as an important complement to our Canadian organization. Not only was this so from the standpoint of record earnings, but the contribution made in the direction of business to the Canadian field through contacts established abroad was well worth while. As has been said in our published reports of previous years, through our extensive overseas direct representation plus our world-wide relations with correspondent banks and the specialized departments we operate in Canada to aid traders, we are proud of the services we provide and also of the contribution we make towards facilitating traders, the value of which can hardly be assessed in a nation which ranks third in world trade."

PRaise For Staff

"It is a daily occurrence in Head Office to receive letters indicating that at one point or another some member of the staff has gone out of his or her way to deal kindly and thoughtfully with the problems of a client. Public opinion of a bank is by and large the opinion held of individual branches of the bank so that our reputation is largely dependent on the deportment and actions of branch personnel. That it is in good hands is amply evident."

"An expanding business inevitably places increased demands on the staff and in the past year we are well aware that at many points our officers have been faced with difficulties which at the moment may have seemed insurmountable. In no case, however, was there the slightest evidence of a breakdown in service to the public and so, on behalf of the executive officers of the bank, I say a heartfelt 'thank you' to the staff. In turn, on their behalf, I have no hesitation in assuring the directors and shareholders that the demands of the future will be met by the staff in the efficient, warm and friendly manner they have displayed in the past."

"Our country is young, its economic system is strong, and its capacity for growth will put our resources of imagination and enterprise to a severe but welcome test. This is what we should remember when we become too greatly impressed with the difficulties still ahead of us. There is little excuse for gloom in a young country that even now stands confidently on the threshold of national greatness."

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A House of Her Own

By MARY L. AKSIM

IT WAS only after old Mr. Briggs died that Effie's dream began to take reality. Through all the years of living in other people's houses, settling down her suitcases in successive attic rooms, she had told herself that some day she would live at peace in a little house of her own. But she had never really believed it.

She and Mrs. Charles, who cleaned for Doctor Elliot and Judge Henshaw, and this was a lady of ready means, often discussed the kind of home they would buy when each "retired."

on their "savings". Really, Effie's "savings" had never amounted to more than a few dollars which she kept in an old box. There were days of panic as she added up the few coins and bills and thought of the time when she could work no more. Then she would resolutely refuse to accompany Mrs. Charles on a Saturday bus trip to town, where they enjoyed "doing" the shop windows.

The years at old Mr. Briggs' had been like a long mellow autumn to Effie. While the old man had been childishly grateful for the smallest attention, she was bewildered when they told her that he had left her five hundred dollars, and was only restrained by the lawyer from dividing the money on the spot between the old man's sons. He went with her to the bank and left her clutching a red pass book.

She carried it in a specially contrived pocket in her underclothing, and each night read its comforting message. Her shuffling about from house to house began again and she threw herself into her work, hoarding every penny and wearing out the patience of Mrs. Charles with her excuses for staying away from town.

By the time the entries in the bank book were nearing a thousand dollars, the villagers had begun to call her "old Effie". Her walk had slowed to an old woman's shuffle. But she continued to plan her house foot by loving foot, dream room by dream room; here she would hang the collection of flowers from the Holy Land which a missionary had given her brother; here she would spread her dearest treasure — a yellowed tea cloth of her mother's.

She was working at the "fasters" that summer. The long days taxed her strength, but the wages were good and perhaps she might be able to build her cottage in the fall. Then, one morning, she fell down the steps. Doctor Elliot found two broken bones and a skull fracture.

Mrs. Charles had Effie moved to her little room when she was able to leave the hospital. The doctor said that talking to someone she knew might take the unhappiness from the old woman's eyes. But the days grew into weeks and still Effie watched her friend with a blurred, uneasy look, demanding to be taken at once "to her own house". She really could not stay away any longer, she would plead, until she dropped into troubled slumber, bank book in her hands.

And so it came about that when the doctor's car stopped in front of Mrs. Charles' window one day to carry Effie to the Old People's Home, she sat serenely beside the doctor. Mrs. Charles wiped away untidy tears on the hem of her apron. It was hard, said Mrs. Charles, to see an old friend go to that place.

The afternoon sun shone warmly on the Home at the top of the hill, lighting its flower beds, turning its windows to gold.

Effie tapped the doctor's arm. "This is the house I've been telling you about," she said proudly. "You must come and see me when I get things set to rights."

And so old Effie came to her own house.

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Funny and Otherwise

Dad, if I'm to advance in my studies at school I need an encyclopedia.

"You'll get no encyclopedia, and that's final. You can walk to school just as I did."

As most people know, the BBC employs "scouts" who inquire among the public what items are popular and so forth. One of these tackled a man who stated that he didn't listen much, but usually heard "Lift Up Your Hearts".

"Then I take it you are interested in religion?" commented the scout.

"Well, no—but I wait for it to start because I know by that time I ought to be shaving."

Magistrate — You knew this man was a burglar and yet you married him?

Wife—Yes; I thought how nice and quiet he'd be around the house.

Widow, writing to an insurance company: "You have asked me to fill out so many proofs of claims and I have had so much trouble in getting my money that I sometimes wish my husband hadn't died."

After inspecting his stock of provisions, the lodger sought his landlady.

"Look here," he said as he held up a jar. "I'll bet you've been at my marmalade again."

"Pardon me," replied the landlady in dignified tones, "you insult me. I never bet!"

A boy at school, when asked to describe a kitten, said:

A kitten rushes like mad at nothing whatever—and stops before it gets there.

He could neither read nor write, but when a distant relation left him a small fortune, he started to make a splash. He bought a cheque book but instead of signing his name on the cheques he put two crosses, and the bank paid.

Then one day he handed the cashier a cheque signed with three crosses.

"What's this?" demanded the cashier. "You've put three crosses here."

"I know," was the reply, "but my wife's got social ambitions. She says I must have a middle name."

"My music teacher says I have a fine voice and should go far."

"Splendid! I'll help you pack."

The window-cleaner was going from door to door in an attempt to increase his "round", but his morning's toil proved fruitless. Coming to the last house in the road, he wearily lifted the knocker, and the door was opened by a sharp-faced woman.

"Clean your window upstairs, lady?" he inquired eagerly.

"No, thank you."

"Downstairs, lady?"

"No, thank you."

"Clean your greenhouse glass?"

"No, thank you."

"Well—let's give your specs a wipe over."

"All extremely bright men are cancelled."

He shrugged gracefully. "Oh, I don't know; I'm not."

"I hear your aunt's very rich. Does she enjoy good health?"

"Yes—gloats over it."

Wife: "Well, dear, I'll meet you at the Blitmore at twelve for lunch."

Husband: "All right, but please don't be any later than one."

Do You Know That ...

A man who weighs 140 pounds has enough fat in his body to make seven cakes of soap, enough phosphorus for 2,000 match heads, enough water to fill a 10-gallon barrel and enough carbon for 9,000 pencils.

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Anchorage, Once a Sleepy Town, Now Alaska's Busiest, Biggest City



Top photo, Anchorage in 1934. Bottom photo, Anchorage, 1953.

By BRUCE WINTERS

(CPC Correspondent)

At 4 a.m. on March 30, 1867, the U.S. closed a treaty with Russia for the purchase of Russian America. Secretary of State William Seward was eager for Alaska.

His enthusiasm was not shared by most of his countrymen. The \$7,200,000 purchase was denounced in the press as "an egregious blunder", a "bad bargain", palmed off on "the silly administration" by the "shrewd Russians".

The property was nicknamed "Walrusia", "Seward's Folly", and "(President) Johnson's Polar Bear Garden".

Now, some 85 years later, the United States army has scheduled defence building there which will be in excess of \$240 million. That suggests the importance military leaders place on Alaska.

Military concepts of the natural and strategic value of Alaska have gone far. From airdromes on "Seward's Folly" the industrial heart of Russia's Communist empire is a bomber's distance away.

From this advance base on the Arctic Circle, the United States could launch retaliatory attacks with jet bombers or guided missiles to virtually every part of Europe, the Middle East and parts of Asia.

"The National Icehouse", as some newspapers in Seward's day called Alaska, has proven to be one of America's most valuable purchases.

The vast natural wealth of the country is largely untapped. Gold was the first mineral to lure prospectors. Now there are hopes of finding precious ores from which uranium, the meat of the A-bomb, can be refined.

In addition to the 21 million acres of forest reserves, the rare minerals of platinum, antimony and tungsten are mined there.

Interest in this slumbering giant has grown among contractors and business speculators. From the period 1940-50 the population of Alaska jumped 77.4 per cent. Whereas the army formerly had four bids for each construction job, now there are at least 10 contractors vying for the chance to build in Alaska.

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The hundreds of millions of dollars being spent on defence projects has caused by-product booms in almost every phase of Alaskan life.

When the Alaskan railroad was built 35 years ago to link the interior with the coast, Anchorage was a frontier town of tents and shacks.

Anchorage today boasts a \$5,000,000 international airport, paved streets, a new water and sewage system, and a multi-million dollar hospital for the country's 33,000 Eskimos and Indians.

Even today, most persons in North America share a mild ignorance about Alaska. Though the northern portions experience bitter Arctic winters, the southern areas have close to two million acres of land under cultivation.

Startling as it may seem, the annual mean temperature of Juneau, the capital city, is often degrees warmer than that of Winnipeg.

Through careful planning, the army hopes to push its new record construction program on a year-around basis. In colder regions, enough work will be done during the summer to permit workers to finish the interiors while the temperatures outside drop below zero.

Like everywhere else in the United States, Alaska is experiencing an acute housing shortage. The boom atmosphere of business has also caused prices to soar.

But Alaska's "growing pains" are familiar and heartening to observers.

The subtle ironies of Russia's sale of Alaska to the United States are all the more poignant when considering the value of the real estate now.

Alaska is a needle pointed at its former owner's hide. It has become the possible spearhead of retaliation should the Muscovites plunge the world into a global war.

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HERE AND THERE

The World's Day of Prayer will be held on February 20th at St. Andrew's Home at three o'clock in the afternoon.

noon. Brig. Ray of Calgary will give a brief address. Everyone welcome.

Two cases of scarlet fever have been reported in town and as a result the school has been ordered closed in trying to prevent the disease spreading.

Mr. and Mrs. Page of Milo visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. McBean Tuesday.

In the McDonald-Brier Gleichen rink which won over Swathmore.

The interior of the United Church is being covered by an attractive wall board which certainly improves the looks of the interior.

Skating rink tickets may be obtained at Casey's Men's Wear store. The prices are child \$1.00, adult or family \$3.00.

High school curling rinks of the district who entered the season played here Saturday and Sunday. There were six rinks entered in the round robin. Mossleigh, Gleichen and Strathmore in section one and Arrowwood, Carleton Place and Milo in section

two. The final game was played Sunday between Mossleigh and Milo. The former won by a narrow margin. During the play the Gleichen rink was the only one to upset Mossleigh.

Mr. and Mrs. Ferguson and Mrs. P. Tower were co-hosts to a lovely shower held in honor of Mrs. Lloyd McBean, (Jean Page) a recent bride at the Recreation Centre Tuesday afternoon. Guests were played and enjoyed by all. After a delicious lunch served by the hostesses, Master Terry Tower brought in the gifts in a gaily decorated wagon. Just on behalf of herself and Lloyd thanked her friends for all the lovely gifts and invited them to visit her in her new home.

The Alberta Department of Lands and Forests is asking Alberta fishermen to return their 1952 angling permits as soon as possible. Provincial fishery officials said the present angling season ends March 31 and all permits should be returned by that date so statistics on fishing in 1952 may be assembled. Fishing permits contain a section where anglers list the size, locality and species of their catches. This information provides a basis for stocking plans and other scientific research carried out by the fisheries branch.

FROM THE FILES OF THE CALL

TWENTY YEARS AGO

Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Howard and family left last week for Ottawa where they will remain until the present session of parliament is over. A number of young people spent Friday evening sleigh riding on Hammer Hill. Even though it was rough going they enjoyed the fun. Later they were all entertained to supper at the home of Mr. and Mrs. McBean.

R. M. Stubbach and Howard Bowen of Calgary spent Monday evening in town renewing acquaintances. This is the first time in four years that Howard has seen the old town.

Bob Haslam is thinking of offering a prize for the individual who can make the most and best cigarette in a given time with his cigarette making machine. The prize will be offered on the following points: speed in making, smokeability, lightability, drawability, tightability, durability, neatness and any other ability that may be desirable in a good cigarette. Mearns presents his friends with the products of his factory.

It was cold last week and reminiscent of early days—it's stockmen on the reserve had to get out among the cattle on the range. How would you like a 30 mile ride on horse back with slow moving animals and face a wind at 30 below for hours. That's what the old cowboys had to do and the good results on their cheeks not bought over the counter. Ask Hubert Clark or Campbell Evans if this is right.

It is not unusual to see upwards of 35 Queenstown farmers in Cluny overnight. Their one complaint at present is that there is neither good sleighing or sledding.

The Gleichen hockey club has arranged for a special railway car to take the team and their booster to Banff next Monday afternoon returning at 3 a.m.

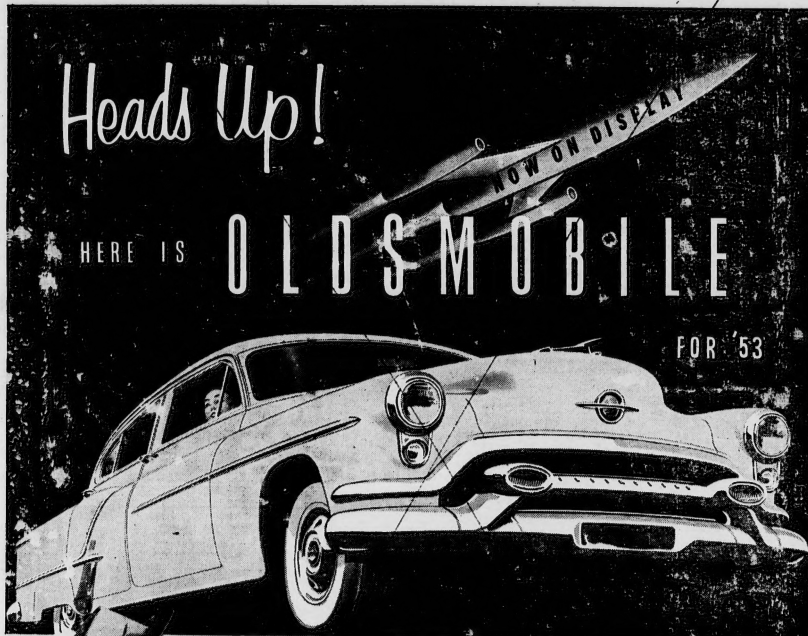
Julius Little sold his farm in the Queenstown district. The best owner has arrived with his family and a carload of household effects.

Quite a few of those who have been running threatening suits appear to them have left the country while at least one man is in jail.

A. E. Parr, an old boy slumber, with his wife and family has returned from Himalton.

Gleichen is growing rapidly. During the past five days five births have taken place.

The following players make up the Gleichen hockey team: Axel, Bonner, Teller, Ferguson, Gaudy, McIntyre and Servis.



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